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1. An FDJ functionary of Land Brandenburg stated, in March 1950, that 60,000 FDJ and 3,000 Pioneers from Land Brandenburg will be delegated to the rally of the German FDJ. Instructions to the FDJ headquarters of the Zauch-Belzig county indicated that, during the Whitsun rally, 20,000 "agitation groups" of 10 to 20 FDJ each will campaign against slanders, separatists and war mongers at all city squares, in street-cars, houses and restaurants.

2. In March 1950 an FDJ functionary of Land Thuringia said:

a. The Thuringian FDJ will delegate to the Berlin FDJ rally 70,000 FDJ, 4,300 Pioneers and 20,000 sportsmen. The most meritorious FDJ, about a thousand, will form a bicycle convoy and go to Berlin on a three-day demonstration tour via Erfurt, Weimar, Naumburg, Weissenfels, Leipzig. They will tell the Soviet Zone population of the beginning of the mammoth rally of the German FDJ. According to a directive by the Thuringian FDJ headquarters the best propagandists of FDJ agitation groups will be selected for the bicycle convoy.

b. Twenty thousand agitation groups will be activated in the Soviet Zone of Germany up to the time of the Whitsun rally on orders of the Central Council of FDJ. Four thousand groups of 10 to 15 boys and girls each will be activated by the Thuringian FDJ. The Thuringian FDJ headquarters outlined the task of these agitation groups which, on Saturday preceding the Whitsun holidays, will talk to the Berliners in street, yard and house meetings and propagate Germany's great chances in the future as a member nation of the World Movement for Peace on the side of the peoples of the Soviet Union. This task was epitomized in the following words:

"In Berlin, twenty thousand FDJ agitation groups from all Germany will deal the **death** blow to the imperialist machinery of lies and war propaganda."

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3. An East Berlin FDJ functionary stated in late March 1950 that the Central Council of FDJ resolved to cancel the FDJ demonstrations in West Berlin if the West Berlin city council and the allied authorities were opposed to it. It was agreed, however, not to make this decision public as the Western authorities could then never be expected to lift the ban on demonstrations.
4. The same East Berlin FDJ functionary also said that the Central Council of FDJ decided that the FDJ will march in review before the President of the German Democratic Republic in the following order:
 - a. The banner donated by the World Youth Federation
 - b. President of World Youth Federation, Guy de Boisson
 - c. The banners of the FDJ and foreign delegations
 - d. The heads of foreign delegations and the members of the Central Council of FDJ
 - e. Two march groups with the flags of the FDJ
 - f. March columns of the Young Pioneers and the East German FDJ
 - g. FDJ groups with fanfares
 - h. Members of the FDJ Land headquarters
 - i. March columns:
 - (1) Land Saxony
 - (2) Delegation from the Soviet Union
 - (3) Land Thuringia
 - (4) Delegations from China and Greece
 - (5) Land Mecklenburg
 - (6) Other foreign delegations
 - (7) Land Saxony-Anhalt
 - (8) Young Pioneers
 - (9) Land Brandenburg.

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